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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

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Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to at times short for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were mostly normal.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for large with the balance of prices unchanged while asking prices were higher for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were fairly good to good. Loose egg demand was generally moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to instances short with extra large in the tightest position.

			IA-MIN-AAI	Prices pa	aid to
EXTRA LARGE	51-60	55-57	producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	51-59		LARGE	37-44	39
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39	MEDIUM	20-24	22
MEDIOW	U-1-40	01 00	SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly higher. The market tone was mostly steady to at times fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies remained adequate to close. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules were noted as usually normal. Spent hens were fully sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as generally normal for the upcoming week.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 60-74 60-63

LARGE 54-68 59-63

MEDIUM 34-47 39-41

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with asking prices higher for next week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were fairly good to good. Loose egg demand was moderate to instances good and reported as improved in some locations. Supplies were tight for the larger sizes and usually adequate for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices continued higher. Offerings were extremely tight to short of needs with demand mostly good. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm RANGE MOSTLY

rade sentiment fully steady to firm.	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
LARGE	56.5-65	58-61
MEDIUM	37.5-46	39-42
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK	, and TX	

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to

tight for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules were usually normal. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 54-65 59-62 LARGE 52-63 57-60 MEDIUM 32-44 37-41 SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate

to close for trade requirements.	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-74
LARGE	68-72
MEDIUM	49-53

Poultry Programs

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close.

	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	57-65	59-61
LARGE	56-64	57-60
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

<u>WESTERN REGION</u> Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 1-2 cents higher on jumbo, 4 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 3-4 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 1 cent higher on jumbo, 4 cents higher on extra large, and 3 cents higher on large, medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 56. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 89-99, 20 pack 2 for \$3, 3 for \$5, large dozen 79, medium 20 pack 99.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect

discounts or other contract terms.	RANGE
JUMBO	107
EXTRA LARGE	101
LARGE	92
MEDIUM	76

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS

PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	83-96
EXTRA LARGE	81-89
LARGE	79-82
MEDIUM	63-66

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	KANGE
JUMBO	249-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	99-205

<u>CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK</u> All prices continued higher. Offerings were extremely tight to short of needs with demand mostly good. More breakers were seeking additional breaking stock later in the week to cover production schedules for next week with some breakers resorting to medium purchases to fill needs. Floor stocks were tight to adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	37-41	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	24-30	24-26
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were higher when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was generally steady at prevailing price levels. Supplies were short to adequate for mostly normal breaking schedules. Demand was moderate to good. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 18-Sep-2004 were 6% more than last week, and 1% more than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSILY
BREAKING STOCK	34-38	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-28	22-27
EASTERN REGION AREA:		

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

<u>EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION</u> - W/E18-SEP-04 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CA	SES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BRO	KEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,280	,565	31,056	12,115	6,189	2,935	4,317
PW	1,173	,586	28,309	11,133	5,889	2,534	4,055
LY	1,256	,837	31,190	11,301	5,818	2,533	4,405
% CH	G PW	9	10	9	5	16	6
% CH	G LY	2	0	7	6	16	-2
2004	45,540	,022	1,082,319	436,644	236,217	102,542	155,872
2003	43,012	,689	1,047,342	392,750	213,920	87,164	154,994
% CH	G YTD	6	3	11	10	18	1
				CUR	RENT F	PREVIOUS	IAST

CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
41.92	42.08	41.94
38.55	38.63	38.44
	WEEK 41.92	41.92 42.08

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 47 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and yolk and steady for whites. Offerings were just adequate to short for whole egg and yolk with white offerings usually adequate. Demand was good for whole egg and whites and good to very good for yolk. Breaking stock inventories were tightening and this resulted in breakers reaching out for additional liquid product while asking prices for whole egg and yolk were reported as higher for next week. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			CHANGE FROM		
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK	
WHOLE	12	33-39	35.21	2.71	
WHITES	15	29-32	30.77	38	
YOLKS	18	48-52.5	50.58	3.38	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were lower on whites, unchanged to higher on whole, unchanged on sugar yolks, but higher on salt yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on yolk items, improved and was full steady on whole, and unsettled but steadier on whites. Supplies were close balanced to adequate. Demand was light to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 18-Sep-2004 were 4% more than the previous week, but unchanged when compared to a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

			LIL			
TRU	CKLOTS	(MIN. 2	5 CONT.)			
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE			
WHOLE	41-46	43-44	50-54			
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		60-75			
WHITES	42-49	43-45	49-58			
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	55-58	63-67			
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-58	55-57	59-65			
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.\						

<u>CENTRAL REGION FROZEN</u> Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher with salted yolk 1 to 2 cents higher and frozen whites unchanged to 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady for whites and fully steady to firm on the balance of frozen egg products. Demand was fair to good, mostly good as buyers were attempting to cover any additional seasonal holiday needs at current levels while sellers asked for higher prices. Offerings were tight to adequate as processors juggled frozen production schedules when orders arrived. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	42-46	43-44
WHITES	43-48	45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-59	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-57	55

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whites, 1 cent higher on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/18 was 8 percent more than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	49-52
WHITES	49-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

NATIONAL DRIED Majority prices were unchanged on blends, irregular on whole, unchanged to higher on yolks, and lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to slow on albumen, but improved on balance. Supplies were reported as clearing to available. Trade sentiment improved on yolks and was steady to firm, generally steady on whole, and about steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Sep.-2004 were 16% more than the previous week, and 16% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 18% more than a year agg.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.58-1.90	MOSTLY 1.65-1.75
YOLKS	1.32-1.80	MOSTLY 1.38-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.19-4.15	MOSTLY 3.30-3.45
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.50-1.70	MOSTLY 1.50-1.55

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT. 17, 2004-SEPT. 23, 2004 **CURRENT LOADS** 63.75 FUTURE LOADS 38.00 TOTAL LOADS 101.75

	5	SE	N	E	M	IW			5	C	N	W	S	w	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	40.67	42.67	43.67	45.20	_	41.50	25.00	GNR W 1	_	46.00	_	_	_	53.50	8.00
GNR W 2	_		39.50	41.00	_	43.00	5.00	GNR W 2	_	41.00	_	_	_	53.50	3.00
GNR W 4	_	_	_	_	22.00	24.50	1.00	GNR BR 1	_	_	_	_	_	_	1.00
GNR BR 1	_		_	_	_	_	1.00	GL W J	58.00	_	_	_	_	64.40	1.25
GL W J	_	_	63.00	65.00	50.00	59.00	3.00	GL W XL	53.00	_	_	61.00	65.00	64.20	9.00
GL W XL	_	58.61	52.83	55.61	54.40	55.79	36.50	GL W LG	52.80	56.76	_	61.00	_	58.22	20.50
GL W LG	_	54.89	44.17	44.00	50.44	_	20.00	GL W MD	31.83	_	_	44.50	_	39.10	5.50
GL W MD	36.00		30.25	32.83	35.00	35.33	10.50	GL BR XL	_	_	_	_	58.50	62.00	1.25
GL W SM	26.75	28.75	24.75	27.00	22.00	25.00	6.00								
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	38.50	39.10	15.25								
NRBS - 45	_		_	_	_	_	.25								
NRBS - 42	_		_	29.00	_		4.50								
NRBS - 39	_	24.50	_	_	21.50	_	2.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal costs RANGE MAJORITY were generally steady. REMOVAL COST 5-11 8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate spent hens. Schedules were set according to finished needs. Values required for salvage were expected to remain constant.

REMOVAL COST

RANGE MAJORITY TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings slightly more available for next week than the current week. Schedules RANGE MAJORITY full-time. Trade sentiment steady. REMOVAL COST 5-9 5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light to moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM			
NORTHEAST	61.50	61.00	40.00			
SOUTHEAST	60.50	58.50	39.00			
MIDWEST	56.00	54.50	38.00			
SOUTH CENTRAL	64.50	59.50	40.50			
COMBINED REGIONAL	60.80	58.40	39.42			
Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.						

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fair to instances good for heavies with most dressed product being used internally. Offerings were clearing satisfactorily and were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT 28-32 MAJORITY 28-29 CENTS PER POUND. CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT 29-34 MAJORITY 30-32

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 18-Sep-04 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY						
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS			
		THOUSANDS-				
	1,443	1,561	3,004			
ek	1,231	1,346	2,577			

Head Last Weel Same week vr ago 1.153 1.418 2.571 To-date/2004 50.365 49.601 99.966 To-date/2003 55,248 51,920 107,168 U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THO	USANDS	
Head	333	0	333
Last Week	153	0	153
Same week yr ago	288	8	296
To-date/2004	8,790	91	8,881
To-date/2003	8.808	133	8.941

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

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	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS		
Head	1,776	1,561	3,337		
Last Week	1,384	1,346	2,730		
Same week yr ago	1,441	1,426	2,867		
To-date/2004	59,155	49,692	108,847		
To-date/2003	64,056	52,053	116,109		
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch					

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Inspected Egg I	Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade					
U.S. Exports to	Canada, in	Pounds (000)	(Preliminary))		
Week Ending So	eptember 11	, 2004	Year	-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003		
Liquid	256	460	11,104	11,593		
Frozen	0	0	11	96		
Dried	60	3	499	388		
Total	316	463	11,614	12,077		
U.S. Imports Fro	om Canada,	in Pounds (0	000) (Prelimin	ary)		
Week Ending So	eptember 11	, 2004	Year	-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003		
Liquid	79	251	5,520	4,094		
Frozen	40	223	1,176	2,376		
Dried	0	0	1,764	903		
Total	119	474	8,460	7,373		
Inspected Shell	Eggs					
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U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending S	Yea	ır-To-Date				
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003		
Jumbo	0	0	349	290		
Extra Large	5,600	1,080	75,940	19,367		
Large	7,068	1,640	163,636	76,426		
Medium	1,752	2,430	76,212	43,527		
Ungraded	11,076	7,204	218,988	102,060		
Misc	0	0	15,504	12,642		
Total	25,496	12,354	550,629	254,312		
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^{1/} Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL	GOVT STO	CKS) (IN THO	OUSANDS)	Processed other
	Froze	en Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	09/20/04	3,233	195,641	56,705
AM	09/01/04	3,322	184,056	56,558
CHG		-89	11585	147
PCT (CHG	-3%	6%	0%

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MONTHLY COLD S	TORAGE R	REPORT	(In U	nits of 1,000)
	31-Jul	31-Jul	31-Aug	31-Aug
FROZEN EGGS:	2003	2004	2003	2004
FROZEN EGGS: 2003 2004 2003 200 Monthly Cold Storage Report Whites 2,684 2,567 2,680 1,03 Yolks 1,155 1,387 1,006 1,37 Whole & Mixed 11,104 9,495 11,195 11,24 Unclassified 3,627 3,271 3,163 3,50				
Whites	2,684	2,567	2,680	1,030
Yolks	1,155	1,387	1,006	1,379
Whole & Mixed	11,104	9,495	11,195	11,244
Unclassified	3,627	3,271	3,163	3,504
Total Frozen Eggs	18,570	16,720	18,044	17,157

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 18-Sep-2004

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Selected	CW	LW	PERCENT	CHANGE
Consuming Centers	(TI	housands)	LW	LY
Atlanta	32.0	30.6	5	40
Boston	3.4	3.4	0	-3
Chicago	65.6	67.8	-3	15
Detroit	29.6	29.3	1	-7
Kansas City	2.8	6.4	-56	-20
Los Angeles	83.8	97.8	-14	-2
New Orleans	5.3	9.2	-42	-34
New York	30.7	31.5	-3	4
St. Louis	16.7	17.9	-7	15
San Francisco	20.5	19.7	4	-6
Total	290.4	313.6	-7	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	297.2			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Red

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 18-Sep-04

·	CASES	PERCENT CHA	PERCENT CHANGE FROM		
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY		
North Atlantic	231.3	-2	6		
East North Central	571.0	4	4		
West North Centra	l 296.4	6	6		
South Atlantic	212.7	-1	0		
South Central	67.2	2	-6		
West	181.8	1	0		
Total	1560.4	2	3		
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	85		
		Last year	85		

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

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PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

EXT	RA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	108	105	63	47
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	102-106	99-103	57-61	40-44
MOSTLY	104-105	101-102	59-60	42-43
RHODE ISLAND	107-111	104-108	62-66	46-50
MOSTLY	107	104	62	46
VERMONT	108-110	105	63-65	-
MOSTLY	108	_	63	-

CHICKENS AND EGGS -

August Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.52 billion during August 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,197 eggs, down slightly from August 2003. **August 2004** contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, compared to August 2003 which contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2004, totaled 342 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 342 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.64 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2004, averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.03 billion eggs during August 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during August, at 320 million, was up 2 percent from a year ago.

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^{2/} Includes revisions to previous week (s).